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FM AMEMBASSY BANGKOK

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 5742

INFO AMEMBASSY VIENTIANE

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JCRC SAMAE SAN TH

USDEL SECRETARY

AMEMBASSY TOKYO

AHEMBASSY PARIS 2136

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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 26319

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: RETURN OF REMAINS FROM DRV; CODEL MONTGOMERY

REF: STATE 296567

1. EMBASSY BANGKOK WELCOMES VISIT BY MEMBERS OF HOUSE
SELECT COMMITTEE ON POW-MIAS.

2. REF MESSAGE INDICATES THAT THE CODEL PLANS TO ACCOMPANY
THE REMAINS TO JCRC - CIL AT SAMAE SAN. THE CIL'S NORMAL
PROCEDURE IS TO PLACE EACH INDIVIDUAL'S REMAINS (EVEN IF
ASHES IN AN URN) IN A CASKET-SIZE TRANSFER CASE IMMEDIATELY
UPON RECEIPT. THEREFORE, A SPECIAL MISSION C-130 OR COM-
PARABLE AIRCRAFT WILL BE USED FOR THE FLIGHT TO UTAPAO.
A U-21 AIRCRAFT CAN BE MADE AVAILABLE TO RETURN CODEL
TO BANGKOK. RESERVATIONS HAVE BEEN CONFIRMED FOR CODEL
AT DUSIT THANI NIGHTS OF DECEMBER 20-21.

3. AMBASSADOR PLANS TO HOST EITHER BREAKFAST OR LUNCH
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FOR CODEL ON SUNDAY DECEMBER 21 (DEPENDING UPON ARRIVAL

TIMES OF CODEL AND REMAINS).

4. FOR CODEL TRAVEL TO VIENTIANE THE NEXT DAY, MONDAY, DECEMBER 22. THAI AIRWAYS DEPARTING BANGKOK 1:45 P.M. IS THE ONLY COMMERCIAL FLIGHT SCHEDULED. CODEL COULD RETURN TO BANGKOK ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - THAI AIRWAYS DEPART VIENTIANE 3:55 P.M.

5. IF CODEL WISHES THEY COULD MAKE CONNECTIONS ON DECEMBER 24 TN THAI INTER-NATIONAL LEAVING BANGKOK AT 6:15 P.M. FOR HONG KONG. OTHER OPTIONS ARE TO DEPART BANGKOK DECEMBER 25 ON PAN AM AT 1:30 P.M.; CHINA AIRLINES AT 3:00 P.M.; OR CATHAY PACIFIC AT 6:45 P.M.

6. CONTACT OFFICER IS COLONEL KENNETH R. EBNER, POMIL. WHITEHOUSE

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